

WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE MERIT COMMISSION
MINUTES
March 12, 2007

The West Lafayette Police Merit Commission met in regular session at City Hall Council Chambers on March 12, 2007 at 7:30 pm. In compliance with the Indiana Open Door Law, notice of this regular meeting was sent to the press and posted. Copies of the meeting agenda and unapproved minutes of the February 12, 2007 Regular Meeting were available at a table adjacent to the entrance to the Council Chambers.

Police Merit Commission President Polles called the meeting to order and presided.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

PRESENT: Commissioners Larry Leverenz, Virginia Nead, John Polles and Joel Weber.

ABSENT: Commissioner Don Corrigan. Commissioner Corrigan arrived at 7:40 pm.

ALSO PRESENT: Commission Counsel Williams and Deputy Chief Walker. No members of the public or the media were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. In referring to the minutes for the February 12, 2007 Regular Meeting, Commissioner Leverenz "moved the minutes be approved." The motion was unanimously adopted.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Commissioner Weber distributed a proposed change to Article II.F of the West Lafayette Police Merit Commission Rules and Regulations. Commissioners had not previously had an opportunity to review the proposed change that incorporates recommendations made by Commission President Polles. Commissioner Weber requested that Commissioners review the proposed change with further discussion at the next Regular Meeting. The proposed change would provide guidance to the Police Department to move the hiring process along in the case where an applicant does not return a background investigation package in a timely manner or if an applicant declines to continue in the hiring process.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Deputy Chief Walker reported that the applicant named on February 26, 2007, the last named applicant, had been sent a certified letter with a suspense date. That suspense date had been exceeded with no response from the applicant. Commissioner Leverenz moved that "Commissioners not provide the Chief any more names until we get to the next round of candidates." After discussion, and the recommendation by Counsel that the motion was illegal in that if the Chief asks for a name, it is the Commission's charter to provide the next name on the applicant list, the motion was unanimously defeated. Commissioner Leverenz then moved "that we request the Chief not to ask for

another name until our next round of candidates is entered into the applicant list.” The motion received no second and was withdrawn by Commissioner Leverenz.

- B. Deputy Chief Walker reported that the police recruiters had attended three job fairs in Illinois and had received 91 applications. After discussion, Deputy Chief Walker reported that Police Department testing for these applicants would be done on April 14, 2007.
- C. Commission President Polles reported that to date, no one has signed up to take the Lieutenant or Captain Promotional Examination on April 7, 2007. After discussion about promotion lists, it was decided that the date for interviews would be established at the April 9, 2007 Regular Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS (continued)

- B. Commissioner Corrigan reported that he has not yet determined if it is legal for Commissioners to do exit interviews with officer who leave the Police Department. He has found no other police department in which Merit Commissioners do exit interviews. He asked to keep the item on the agenda.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

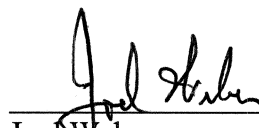
None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.



John Polles
President



Joel Weber
Secretary

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Meeting Agenda, 12 March 2007
7:30 P.M., Council Chambers, City Hall

Opening

Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Approval of Minutes for Meeting on 12 February 2007

Old Business

Possible update concerning holding exit interviews for officers who resign
(Commissioner Corrigan)
Proposed changes to Articles II.F. of WLPMP R&R (Commissioner Weber)

New Business

Status of the last named applicant (Commissioner Polles)
Date for interviews of Lieutenant/Captain candidates (Polles)
Update on new applicant testing in May (Polles)

Items from the Floor

Public Comments

Adjournment